"PETER PAN" CHARMS BELASCO'S INITIAL SUMMER AUDIENCE

The Vagabonds Rival Maud Adams in Beautiful Fantasy.

Pelasco's summer stock season was pleasantly and successfully launched last night, when 'The Vagabonds' made their first appearance in "Peter

Some doubt may have been felt and expressed over the selection of Barrie's beautifu! fantasy for the opening bill. with the wonderful interpretation which Maud Adams gave the title role so vividly remembered by theater-goers of the Capital, but after seeing the performance last night the wisdom of the management's chonce is apparent. Nohting was left undone in the way of stage settings and accessories, and so exceptionally good was the production that the audience, old as well as young, grew enthusiastic and, in spite of the heat, applauded so heartily that "The Vagabonds" must have felt quite at

Charm Brought Out.

The new organization succeeded in a rather surprising extent in bringing out the charm of the wonderful little play that delights the hearts of children and makes the older ones forget their age, and takes them back to the age when the fairles, pirates, and welves all seem ed very real and the marvelous adven tures of the children quite believable.

Then, too, there was a very noticeable lack of that roughness which is supposed to be permissable in first nights of stock productions, and the lines were read with little assistance from the prompter.

In the role of the boy who did not want to grow up, Peter Pan, Mrs. Hopkins, so well remembered here as Violet Vivian, was just what her admirers expected her to be Slender and boyish looking, graceful and natural she presented a Peter Pan that was very acceptable. Her work last night proniises much for other roles during the

charles Hopkins, the leading man, part of the time gave a very terrifying portrayal of the pirate captain with the deadly hook hand, and then appeared as Father Darling, making that part just as satisfactory. Fuller Mellish, in the small role of Smee, gave an intimation of what to expect from him when he has a part worthy of his children. he has a part worthy of his ability. Florence Huntington, who, as a member of the Columbia Stock Company, made of the Columbia Stock Company, made many friends here, gave a natural and easy portrayal of the mother. Miss Huntington is as attractive as ever and she was given a warm little greeting when she appeared.

Miss Augarde and Wendy.

Gertrude Augarde took the role of Wandy, and while the part does not fit her, she works enthusiastically, and one finds oneself much better satisfied with the portrayal toward the end of the play. One of the reat favorites of the play. One of the real favorites of the cast was little Margaret Shelby, and she doubtless will prove a strong drawing card later in the season if given in role in which she will have an opportunity to show what a clear little part of the abandoned Alexandra woming card later in the season if given in role in which she will have an opportunity to show what a clever little an, whose part she filled in the first miss she is. Emogene Fairchild, cast as Tootles, is another of the young memior of the repentant young person has sanguaged. Toolles, is another of the young members who did noticeably good work, Juliette Shelby and half a dozen other juveniles helped to round out a cast that deserves little but praise.

At the close of the performance Mrs. Hopkins read "The Vagabonds' Prologue," written especially for the opening night by Charles Robert Housum.

GAYETY-"Follies of New York and

In Columbia Cast



MISS NINA MELVILLE

Role Causes Favorable Comment.

Some idea of the genuine worth of the Aborn English Grand Opera Company's productions now running at the New National may be gained from the fact that, in spite of last night's almost stiffing heat, a large audience sat through the production of "Thais."

That audience was amply rewarded for its sacrifice. for the performance was fully equal to anything heretofore offered by the company, which is saying a good deal. The work of Lois Ewell, omes in the last two comes in the last two acts. She sang beautifully, it is true, but there are other appeals than the voice, and there were those in last night's audience who had an eye for the beauty and personal charm with which Miss Ewell's acting is endowed. She was not a 250-pound Thais, such as have been seen anon.

Her voice was sufficient throughout, and her portrayal of the part could not have less improved upon.

Presenting "Night Life in Two Gay Cities," Hurtig and Seamon's large company drew an appreciative audience to the Gayety last night. Many Washington favorites figured in a program that was filled with good things for the burklesque lover. The burlesque in two acts and four scenes contained numerous musical numbers of the catchy type. Harry Wcods, in his familiar dialect role, is as amusing as ever and was the chief laugh maker. He is ably seconded by H. P. Nelson, Frank Hayes, Murray Belmont, and Harvey Green, Jennie Austin, Anna Suits, Mildred Mantell, and Flo Zella were the principals in the feminine contingent and took advantage of their opportunities.

Specialties were provided by Hayes and Suits in songs and dances; the Alpine Quartet, Bessle Pardue's eight English Roses. And Harry Woods and Gwene DeBrauw in the "Scare Crow Man."

Giuseppe Picco was the hermit Athan his could have been desired that the tach to work was all that could have been desired that the part, he also the first that the while swathed in two overcats, as demanded by the part, he appeared the coolest person in the house, He sang the role in a dignified, if anything, in some places, but he was forgived person in the house, He sang the role in a dignified, if anything, in some places, but he was forgived than he absolutely had to, because the weather man was standing in the wings with a hot blast bellows.

The orchestra, too, came in for a good share of the audience's approval. The playlet, "A Woman's Way," presented by Selma Waters and Herbert Woods and Suits in songs and dances; the Alpine Quartet, Bessle Pardue's eight English Roses. And Harry Woods and Gwene DeBrauw in the "Scare Crow Man."

TYPICAL SUMMER

Popular Offering-Audience Forgets Heat.

A typical summer audience, in which were a large number of discriminating Columbia Players last night. A sufficient tribute to the quality of the play

wife to regain her husband, when she feels him slipping away from her. The uniform excellence of the performance last evening carried one back to the days when Grace George scored such a success as the woman who had her way. Miss Frances Neilson was cast in this role last evening. She portrayed lans was made today. The invitations

success as the woman who had her way. Miss Frances Neilson was cast in this role last evening. She portrayed it in her own winsome manner and her Marion Stanton was satisfactory both to those who had seen the original production and those who met "the woman" last evening for the first time.

The husband's part is played by Mr. Van Buren. Of course, everybody has it in for Howard Stanton, just on account of the way he treated Marion Stanton, but Mr. Van Buren's work was so clever last evening and he is so popular with those who frequent the Columbia, that he glossed over the bad spots in Stanton's character and made spots in Stanton's character and made spots in Stanton's character and made mm a likable fellow. That means that Mr. Van Buren again demonstrated his all-around ability.

all-around ability.

The other roles, which subordinate, were all in good hands, and the Columbia Players have a reason to feel congratulated that their art held the attengratulated that their art held the attention of a heat-oppressed audience throughout last evening. Miss Carrie Thatcher did excellent work as "the other woman, Mrs. Blakemore," in fact, Miss 'Thatcher's handling of this part was one of the best things she has done here. Everett Butterfield, and his non-halout way had full suding it he broadhere. Everett Butterneid, and his non-chalant way, had full swing in the irre-pressible Pobby Livingstone, and Fred-erick Forrester capably portrayed the Oliver Whitney of the piece. Miss Jessie Glendenning, Miss Emilie Melville, Miss Marie Ralston, and Miss Nina Melville were each thoroughly ac-ceptable in the guipor femiliar relea-Work of Lois Ewell in Title

Nina Merville Were each infordingly acceptable in the minor feminine roles, while Arthur Ritchie. Stanley James, George Barbler, and John Cline do pleasing work in the limited field afforded them.

MAJESTIC-Stock Company.

At the Majestic Theater, the O'Connor-Rowe stock company yesterday gave its first production of "Ten Nights In a Barroom." In spite of the many times the play has been presented it drew large houses both at the matinee and last night, and judging from the applause it was thoroughly appreciated. The story is too well known to need repetition, and the moral pointed is plain.

The cast as a whole deserve little but praise, and the scenic effects were good. The death of little Mary was most pathetic.

CASINO-Vaudeville.

With the theater cooled by a new battery of electric fans and fresh scenery good summer vaudeville program to its

patrons.

The headliners of the present program are the St. Lows, of whom a clever five-year-old vocalist is the particular number, and this is followed by a trap-eze act by the other members of the troupe. Pepino, with his accordion, and other appeals than the voice, and there were those in last night's audience who had an eye for the beauty and personal charm with which Miss Ewell's acting is endowed. She was not a 250-pound Thais, such as have been seen anon. Her voice was sufficient throughout, and her portrayal of the part could not have been improved upon. Gisseppe Picco was the hermit Athanael, and his conception of that part was all that could have been desired.

OFFICE EFFICIENCY IN BIG EXHIBIT HERE

'A Woman's Way" Proves Taft Commission Arranges Show for Benefit of Government Clerks.

Government clerks in Washington will have an opportunity to see what office school misses and their chaperons, saw labor saving devices there are on the "A Wonan's Way" as presented by the market that might help them during an exhibit of such appliances to be held here July 6 to 15.

and the work of the cast is to say that the heat—and last night was a scorcher—was temporarily forgotten by those who filled the Columbia.

Theatergoers are familiar with the story of "A Woman's Way," which concerns the novel course adopted by a wife to regain her husband, when the work with the exhibit will be held in the ucts. The exhibit will be held in the Union building, on G street, and while it has been arranged primarily for the

gest what might be applied to the particular kind of work he is doing. The exhibit will be similar to the one

Wife of Donald Brian

HARTFORD, Conn., May 23 .- Quick o recognize the new aspirant for footlight honors, the audience that witnessed the Hunter-Bradford stock company present "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" at Parson's Theater gave Miss Peggy Brian, who is none other than Mrs. Donald Brian, the wife of the actor who made the "Merry Widow" waltz famous in America, a delightful little round of ap-

act, during the party at Prideaux Hall on the occasion of ladies' day by the officers of the visiting English regiment. Mrs. Brian made a distinct little hit of her own, playing opposite Miss Marion Lorne, who was Mistress Kitty. Her old English gown was of gorgeous proportions and texture, and the actress, who since her marriage has been eager to appear with her husband, seemed happy because she realized she had taken the initial step which she plans will place her by next year in her hus-

Mr. Brian and a party of friends, who later gave Mrs. Brian a supper at the Heublein, occupied a box tonight and led the applause at each curtain.

Pupils of St. Cecilia's Academy are being congratulated upon the concertday exercises of the academy, held at day exercises of the academy, held at Naval Lodge Hall, on Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Eleven vocal or in-strumental numbers and an address by the Rev. J. O'Brien made up the pro-

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Adv. Mgr. Washington Evening Star. Adv. Mgr. Washington Post.

(Signed) E. C. ROGERS, (Signed) J. E. TROWER,
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Boldly Robs Man in Main Lobby of Hotel

BOSTON, May 23.—"Facking his victim up against a telephone booth in the main lobby of the Parker House, John Baker, twenty-two, took everything William W. Peck had except his clothes," according to the testimony at Baker's hearing in police court today.

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